

March 2, 2006

Dear Coastal District Coordinators:

I am pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) grant solicitation for Section 306 funding for development and implementation of district coastal management programs under the Required Tasks grant, and for Section 309 funding for finalization of the district plan amendment. Electronic copies of both grant applications are included with this letter.

I would also like to inform you that, in addition to the two grants addressed in this letter, Section 309 Enhancement Grant funding for special projects will be available to coastal districts and state agencies on a competitive basis this fiscal year. This will take place in a separate grant solicitation process. OPMP will issue a request for enhancement grant proposal abstracts from interested districts in mid-March.

Please review the attached Section 306 and 309 applications and contact me at (907) 269-4588 if you have questions or if you need assistance in completing your applications. Funding details are as follows:

Section 306 Funding for Required Tasks: OPMP has informed us that Section 306 funding for coastal district grants in FY07 is expected to be approximately \$710,000. The required match for FY07 306 funding will be the same as the FY06 match amounts (50% match for municipalities and 20% match for CRSAs). The award process used to allocate funds among the 28 eligible coastal districts will be similar to previous years, based on the size, population and level of permitting activity of the coastal district.

Section 309 Funding for Plan Finalization: OPMP has informed us that Section 309 funding for finalization of district plan amendments is expected to be approximately \$112,000. Districts may apply for grants of up to \$4,000 to cover plan finalization costs for printing, distribution, outreach, and public noticing.

Submitting your completed applications: Completed grant applications are due no later than *1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2006* to the following address:

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Division of Community Advocacy Attention: Pamela Neale 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1770 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510 Coastal District Coordinators March 2, 2006 Page 2

We will also accept faxed and emailed applications, followed up with mailed hard copies. If you choose to fax your applications, please fax them to (907) 269-4539, early in the day on March 31, 2006 (or before this date) to be sure that the fax transmission is received. If you choose to email your applications, please send them to Pamela Neale at pamela_neale@commerce.state.ak.us. Faxed or e-mailed applications must be followed up with a hard copy with original signature within three business days (postmarked no later than April 5, 2006).

If you have questions, please call me at (907) 269-4588. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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